

House Resolution 264

By: Representatives Franklin of the 43rd and Wilkinson of the 52nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Mr. Woodrow Zegers and commending his exemplary service to this country;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Aloisious J. Zegers was born in Clifton, New Jersey, on April 22, 1918; and

4 WHEREAS, at the age of nine, Mr. Zeger's parents changed his first name from Aloisious
5 to Woodrow, in honor of the nation's 28th president, Woodrow Wilson; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Zegers was united in love and marriage to Margaret "Peggy" Ritschman
7 on February 14, 1942, this year celebrating their 67th anniversary; and

8 WHEREAS, after the birth of his first child, Mr. Zegers enlisted in the United States Marine
9 Corps following the outbreak of World War II, putting his life on hold in order to place
10 himself in harm's way to protect the freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

11 WHEREAS, for his bravery and heroism, Mr. Zegers was awarded the Purple Heart for
12 wounds received during combat with Japanese forces on the island of Okinawa on June 6,
13 1945; and

14 WHEREAS, exemplifying the motto "Once a Marine, Always a Marine," Mr. Zegers
15 continued to uphold the courage, honor, and fortitude of a Marine following his honorable
16 discharge from the service and his return to civilian life as a chief mechanic for the city of
17 Clifton, New Jersey; and

18 WHEREAS, upon his retirement, Mr. and Mrs. Zegers moved to Georgia in order to provide
19 love, support, and guidance to the families of his two children, Carol and Robert, seven
20 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren; and

21 WHEREAS, while in Georgia, Mr. Zegers has played an instrumental role in the construction
22 of the National World War II Memorial, ensuring that the sacrifice of those who fought in
23 that war would be remembered and cherished for generations to come.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body commend Mr. Woodrow Zegers's efficient, effective, unselfish, and
26 dedicated public service to the citizens of his country and family; and extend to him and his
27 family their most profound appreciation for all members of the United States military who
28 stand ever ready to lay the ultimate sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this to Mr. Woodrow Zegers.